



Achievement in Montana (AIM)

Montana State Student Information System

GOAL: Streamline the reporting of student-related data from school districts to OPI including enrollment, demographic data, eligibility for state and federal education programs, registration for statewide assessments, and special education planning and reporting.

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) released an RFP on November 16, 2005 and signed a contract with education software vendor, Infinite Campus, to install AIM, which stands for Achievement in Montana. Total cost for this system was approximately \$2.1 million.

Components within the AIM State Edition system include:

- enrollment and demographic information for all students attending Montana's public and non-public accredited schools;
- participation of students in federal and state grant programs;
- data on student enrollment, demographics and program participation is frozen three times a year;
- information for determining a school's "Adequate Yearly Progress Report" required by the No Child Left Behind Act;
- student graduation and dropout information; and
- Special Education records associated with serving students with disabilities.



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The AIM system will also provide tools to enable:

- schools to enter data once and use it in multiple systems to meet reporting requirements
- tracking of student mobility and transfer of student information from school to school
- improved data quality
- interactive querying and reporting of the data in an integrated fashion;
- data driven decision making by state-level education staff and policy makers to meet increasing state and federal reporting requirements; and
- stakeholders at all levels of education to make informed educational decisions based on accurate and timely information

WHAT THE STATE EDITION AIM SYSTEM DOES NOT COLLECT:

- Daily attendance
- School staff information (other than staff involved in the Special Education IEP team)
- Courses/schedules taken by individual students
- Course grades
- Behavior/discipline information
- Daily lunch information
- Health/Immunizations